

1ST. EIGHT MONTHS' TOTAL HIGH

Amount Nears Million and Half Aggregate

BEATS JULY WORK Figure for August Is Well Over \$200,000 in Total

Torrance building permits for August will total almost a quarter of a million dollars. For the first eight months of 1923 they will be almost \$1,400,000.

August permits up to Wednesday night called for buildings valued at \$214,000. Continuing at the average rate for the remaining days of the month, they should reach \$220,000 before September 1. Permits up to August 1 were \$1,153,330. In July they totaled \$106,375.

While several August permits were for oil derricks, rooming house, dwelling and factory permits made up at least half of the total.

Week's Permits

Permits taken out during the past week follow:

Aug. 23—Wilkes & Titus, two oil derricks and sheds, \$10,000; Bertha Reynolds, 3129 Cedar street, restaurant wagon, \$200; Vonthrockwat Building Co., four-room dwelling, 2309 Andree street, \$2500.

Aug. 25—A. Mella Cooley, restaurant wagon, 2900 Arlington street, \$300.

Aug. 27—John Mineor, four-room dwelling, 336 Sartori, \$3000; C. C. M. O. Co., oil derrick and sheds, \$5000; Vonthrockwat Building Co., garage building rear of 2309 Andree street, \$150.

Aug. 28—Associated Supply Co., corrugated iron building on Union Tool Co. property, \$10,000; Superior Oil Co., three oil derricks and sheds, \$15,000; Shelby-Root Co., oil derrick and sheds, \$5000; C. C. M. O. Co., two oil derricks and sheds, \$10,000.

Aug. 29—Jerry Lynn Truck Co., office and service station, 2997 Arlington, \$500; Jerry Lynn, gas pump and tanks installed, 2997 Arlington, \$1000; Hub Oil Co., oil derrick and sheds, \$5000.

FREDERICKS TO SPEAK OCT. 1 IN TORRANCE

Congressman Accepts Invitation for Open Forum

Congressman Fredericks will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Torrance Open Forum, October 1. The newly elected representative expressed a desire to meet the people of this district, and so the Chamber of Commerce invited him to speak.

BANKS TO AID CITY IN CRISIS OF FINANCES

Agree to Furnish Cash Until Taxes Begin to Come In

Torrance will be clean broke by the middle of October. And the tax money doesn't start coming in until the middle of November.

But all bills will be paid during the period of financial embarrassment—because the two Torrance banks have agreed to provide the necessary funds. Trustee Nash consulted with both banks and reported to the trustees that they both agreed heartily to co-operate.

Water Company Orders New Pump

Installation of a new booster by the Torrance Power, Light and Water company will do much to improve local service, officials of the company believe. The pump has been ordered and will be installed within a few weeks. The capacity of the pump is 1200 gallons a minute.

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18 WELLS ARE DRILLING IN NEW PART OF FIELD

Locate Ten New Derricks as Boom Keeps Up

Fortuna's Phenix No. 1 Showing Pleases Owners

Things continue to hum with unabated activity in the southern extension of the oil field. During the week nine wells have been spudded in and work started on ten new derricks.

Eighteen rotary rigs are now driving drills downward within the radius of a few blocks from the Midway Northern gusher. Three of these drilling wells are far to the east—the Standard Oil company's Dominguez No. 1, which is down 1553 feet in shale and boulders, and the Superior and Sentinel wells, which recently spudded in on the old Redondo road on the eastern extension.

Of the drilling wells in the southern sector, Fortuna's Phenix No. 1, on Acacia street in Lomita, is the deepest. Since August 10 this well has been drilled 2800 feet down. Officials of the company are extremely satisfied with the showings. At 2800 feet the drill went through 300 feet of hard black shale.

A Merry Game
The game of offset went on merrily through the week, with the Chancellor-Canfield doing most of the offsetting. The rapidity with which the Santa Fe locates offsets is one of the features of the development in the field. Following the same policy that prompted the company to offset Keck so thoroughly on the old Redondo road, the C. C. M. O. is busy with derricks in south Torrance, north of the old main highway.

New locations by Wilkes and Titus, the U. S. Royalties and the Ring Petroleum corporation have been immediately offset by the Santa Fe.

Since the Midway Northern gusher ushered in the southern rush for the sands the C. C. M. O. has located eleven new wells. Nine of these are in the southern extension, and all of them are offsets.

Place Three Offsets
Wilkes and Titus are working on two new locations—one on lots 5 and 6, block 300, tract 1952, at Arlington and the old Redondo road, and another on the Johnson lease on lot 1, block 3, tract 3757, at Arlington and Washington avenue. The C. C. M. O. is offsetting the first with a well on lot 7, block 300, tract 1952, and is preparing to drill on lot 3, block 5 and lot 3, block 1, tract 3757, both near Arlington and Washington. These wells are Torrance 22, 20 and 21, respectively.

Keck Locates Two
Bringing the line of derricks that flank the old Redondo road still farther east, the Superior has lumber for two derricks on the south side of the street. One is on the Adamson acre, lot 2, tract 639, and the other on the James Perham lease, lot 5, tract 639. Two wells will go in on lot 2 for Selby & Root is preparing to offset the Su-

perior and is starting work on a new derrick near by. Further south the Cook Drilling company is setting boilers for a well on lots 53 and 54, on Fir street in Lomita.

Following is a list of the 15 wells now drilling in the southern sector: Chancellor-Canfield, 4; Petroleum Midway, 2; Superior, 2; one each for Midway Northern, Selby & Root, George F. Getty, Petroleum Securities (Doheny), Fortuna, Gilmore, Federal.

The Federal well, on the Gurner lease on Narbonne and Elgin streets, was spudded in Sunday morning. The Petroleum Securities will spud in Torrance No. 2 on Saturday.

Standard Re-Cements Felker Well to Tap Series of Oil Sands Found Below 4350 Ft.

Using a 4-inch combination oil and water string, the Standard Oil company this week is making a strenuous effort to shut off the water on its deep test well, Felker Community No. 1. The history of the well is interesting, uncovering as it does the existence of several oil sands at new deep levels.

The well was drilled to 4960 feet. The top oil shale was encountered at 3240 feet and extended to a depth of approximately 500 feet to about the 3750-foot level. Below this water was encountered, but an oil sand was reached at about 3775. From this point down, oil was encountered in interstratified sands, countered in the entire depth to the bottom. A shallow water sand was located at around 4100 feet.

Drilling Reports

Shell Co. of Ca.—Redondo 1 making production test; Frenger 1 cleaning out; Keystone 1 building rig.

Santa Fe.—Del Amo 7, 3153 ft., sticky brown shale; Del Amo 8, spudded in; Torrance No. 1, 2400 ft., standing cemented; No. 9, 3111 ft., standing cemented; No. 10, 3412 ft., sticky brown shale; No. 11, 3237 ft., sticky brown shale; No. 12, 1903 ft., hard sand; No. 13, 861 ft., black shale, reaming; No. 14, 900 ft., standing cemented; No. 15, rig up; No. 16, 273 ft., sand and boulders; No. 17, rig up; No. 18, rig up; Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 22, locations.

Gen. Petroleum Corp.—Van Lew 1, stdg cem at 4610 ft. Union Oil.—Western 1, 4736 feet, shell, fish; Francis 2, 5150 feet, hd gr sd, cem.

Petroleum Midway.—Bowers 1, rig up; Craven Com. 1, 776 ft., sh, rnd to bottom; Gish 2, 45 ft., shut down; E. Pickler Mitchell 1, bldg rig; Post-Housis 1, 780 ft., sd & grav; Scott 1, rig; Wilson Com. 1, 1261 ft.; Fish, Fed. Dr. Co.—Gerner 1, 400 ft., surface sd; Hyman 1, bldg rig.

Superior Oil.—Bowles 1, dr. at 3370 ft. in sdy sh; Hookway 1, 2048 ft., stky sh; Jouglin 1, 555 ft., sd; Steinhilber 1, 709 ft., sd; Sterry 1, run the; Shedd 1, prod test at 3630.

Geo. F. Getty—No. 1, 2864 ft.; No. 2, 3240 ft.; No. 3, 1169 ft.

Hub Oil Co.—Gus Fry, set 6-in. csg at 3250 ft.; Smith 2, comp at 3250 ft., prod 400 barrels 25.4 grav. Fortuna-Phenix 1, 2800 feet.

MISS KELLY IS WEDDED TO JAMES JONES

Ceremony Performed in Los Angeles Parsonage

Two popular young residents of Torrance were married Tuesday afternoon when Miss Gladys Pauline Kelly became the bride of James W. Jones of 2010 Trington street.

The ceremony was performed in Los Angeles by Rev. W. T. Wright, pastor of the Welsh Methodist church, at the parsonage at 1006 Bonnie Brae avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moran attended the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones left after the ceremony for Del Mar, San Diego and points in old Mexico. They will return in about a week to make their home in Torrance, where Mr. Jones is a member of the real estate firm of Babcock & Jones.

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WILL EXTEND TELEPHONE DISTRICT 4 WAYS

Torrance Exchange Area Due for Wide Expansion

Company Will Move Into New Quarters Soon

Extension of the Torrance telephone district in all directions from the city is planned by the Southern California Telephone company, according to word received by the Chamber of Commerce and city officials this week.

Lines radiating from the local exchange will ultimately connect up on the east to Harbor boulevard, on the south well into the newly developing oil district, on the north a considerable distance, and on the west to the boundary of the Redondo district.

This information was given to Harry Gadeky, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; A. L. Bartlett, city clerk; and J. J. Jessup, city engineer, by an official of the company this week.

An engineer of the company will be here soon to make a survey of the proposed extensions. The lines will be put in before service is required, it is stated.

The telephone company is waiting upon the delivery of a new switchboard before moving into its new office in the Brooks building. When this move is made local service will be greatly improved, the company believes.

DAY ROBBERS LOOT 3 HOMES; GET BIG HAUL

Daylight robbers looted three homes in Torrance Wednesday afternoon and escaped undetected with nearly \$1000 worth of booty. It is the belief of Chief Anderson and his men that the thieves were familiar with the neighborhood and residents.

The homes robbed were all in the 1700 block of Andree, Gramercy and Arlington avenues, and the members of each family were absent between the hours of 2 and 5.

A boy working about the home of R. A. Huber, Post avenue, reported seeing a stranger leaving the rear of the house about 2:30. He could give no description of the man other than he was wearing a gray suit.

T. H. Kendrick of Arlington avenue reports the loss of a diamond brooch, diamond bar pin, a wrist watch, and \$10.20.

A diamond brooch and stick pin, gentleman's watch, a wrist watch, two \$100 Liberty bonds, two pairs of shoes, seven pairs of ladies' silk hose, two pairs men's silk socks and a K. of C. emblem are missing from the home of John and James Obole of Andree avenue. C. J. Stablefeldt lost a Waltham watch, a chain, a diamond ring, a \$20 gold piece, and a .38 revolver.

P. E. to Move Cars On Redondo Blvd.

Passenger cars now standing daily on Redondo boulevard will be moved off this street, according to a promise of the company, as reported to the Chamber of Commerce directors and the board of trustees by Harry Gadeky, C. of C. secretary, Tuesday. Mr. Gadeky, to whom the matter was referred, announced that the P. E. agreed to comply with the city's wishes shortly. Mr. Gadeky reported that the company will take the matter of freight switching on Cabrillo avenue under advisement.

Announce Betrothal Of Popular Couple

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davidson of 2624 Carson street announce the engagement of their daughter Annette to L. V. Babcock of 2012 Gramercy avenue.

A definite date for the wedding has not been set, but it is anticipated that it will take place within the next two or three weeks.

Mr. Babcock is the cashier of the First National bank and is extremely popular in the business and social life of the town.

Noted Churchmen Coming Here For Methodist Dedication Week



Rev. F. M. Larkin, D.D., editor of the Christian Advocate, will speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. E. J. Inwood, district superintendent, will speak at 9 o'clock Sunday, Sept. 9.

Famous dignitaries of the Methodist church will be in Torrance next week for services which will culminate Sunday, Sept. 9, in the formal dedication of the Methodist church here.

There will be special services daily, except Saturday. A banquet will be served Wednesday night at 6:30. At this feast Rev. G. Bromley Oxnam, pastor of "The Church of All Nations," will speak.

The entire program for the week appears on another page of The Herald.

DEMON 'CHEAP' IS THE BUNK, COWBOY TELLS LOCAL FOLKS



By THE COWBOY
Study the bargain lure drawing on this page—it is full of meaning. The sinister demon "Cheap" beckons to the shopper from other places, and does its best to beguile them into "bargains." It's the same old story of the spider and the fly—once in the net of "alluring bargains," the shopper quickly discovers the illusion.

Do not fall prey to these fictitious attractions from out of town. Buy your wares from your local merchants; help encourage more buying in this city; and by doing so you promote local loyalty. The word "cheap" will, very often, fasten itself upon the unwary, but its deception is soon obvious.

Success begets success. A community of dead ones never gets anywhere; a community of live ones invariably prospers. Join the ranks of the live ones, Mr. and Mrs. Buyer! Spend your money where you earn it, and give yourself a chance to prosper. Loyalty doesn't mean that you must take the worst of it when you go shopping. The merchants and professional people of Torrance expect and invite intelligent buying. They are here to serve you and to please you. Trade where your trade is appreciated—in TORRANCE.

Seek quality first and then the cost that is consistent with sound merchandising. These latter things are to be found right here in this serviceable city—things, wares, worthy merchandise that is never associated with the "cheap" variety. Study the drawing, ponder over the story. What's the answer? BUY IT HERE!

BROTHERS IN COURT
George and James Morris, charged with assaulting their brother, Frank Morris of the Morris Tool Works, were released Monday morning under \$50-bail, and will be given a hearing Friday morning before Judge James L. King.

FINED \$25
John Isackson and Felipe Oretiza of Torrance and H. H. Rogers of Norwalk appeared before Police Judge King last Monday morning charged with being drunk. It cost them \$25 each.